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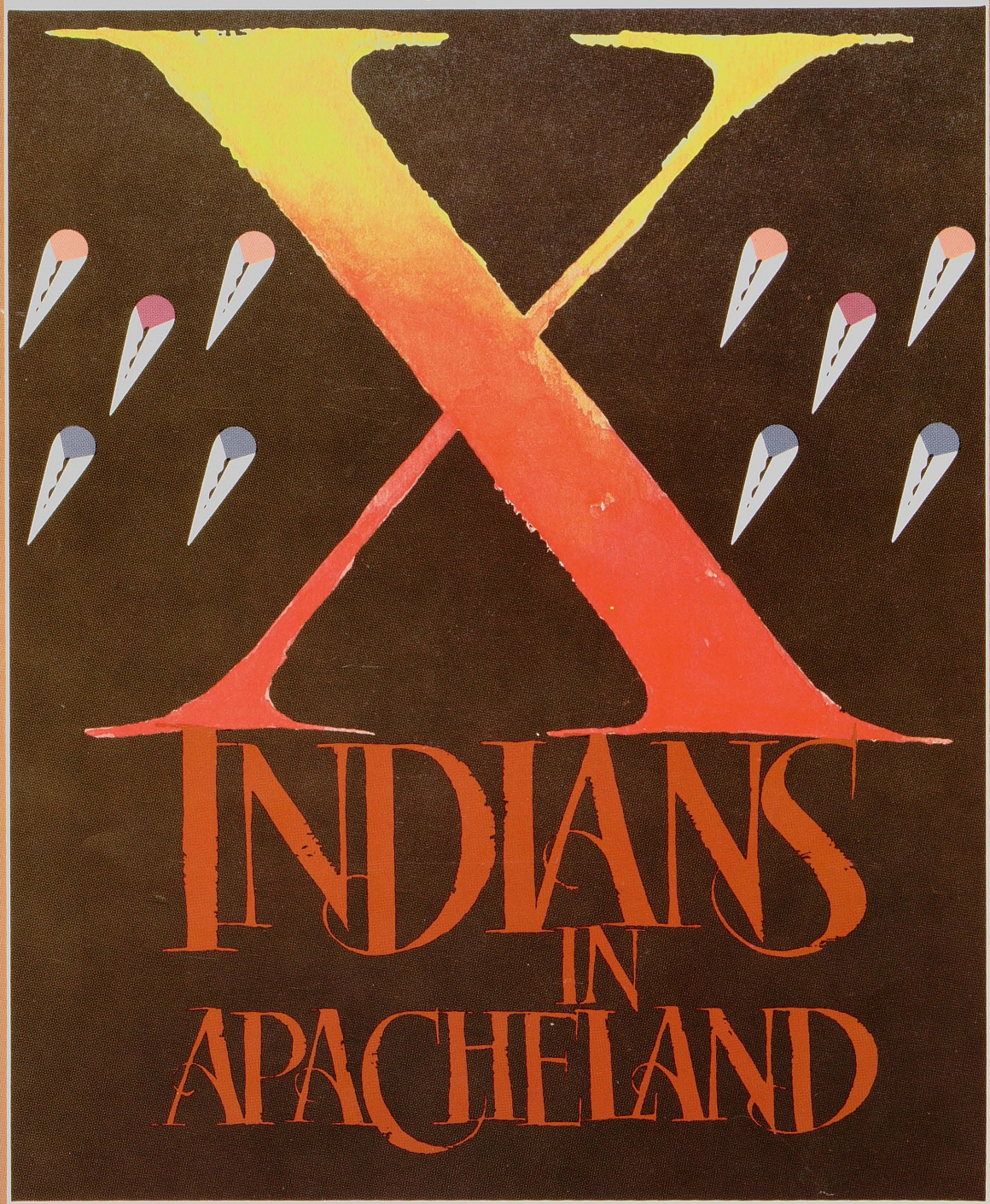

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Viewpoint

This is the last in a three part series of interviews with Dr. Raymond M. Hawkins, president of Tyler Junior College, about how the financial problem facing the state will affect Texas higher education in general and TJC specifically.

In part one, President Hawkins discussed the mismatch between the needs and expectations of the state and its people for public services and revenue available to the state to support those needs and expectations. He reported that Tyler Junior College lost $2 million in state funds in two years — from $11.5 million in 1985 to $9.5 million in 1987 — a 17.4 percent cut. He predicted any further cuts in state appropriations or the failure to restore all or part of what had been cut would have both near- and long-term effects of damaging the quality of programs and services at TJC.

In part two, President Hawkins talked about why all public junior colleges revised their state appropriations requests for the 1988-89 biennium based on a return to 1985 funding levels plus an adjustment for inflation. He also discussed the forces of compromise at work between the two houses of the Legislature during the regular session.

In this interview President Hawkins discusses what happened in last summer's special legislative session; the direct consequences to TJC of Gov. Clements' veto; and the plan the Texas Public Community/Junior College Association has established to deal with consequences of the veto.

Apache: The regular session of the 70th Legislature adjourned on June 1 without agreement among the leadership of state government about levels of spending and taxing to support public services of all kinds, including programs and services provided by TJC. Because of that impasse, Gov. Clements called the Legislature back in special session June 22. Will you review what happened in the summer session with respect to higher education?

Hawkins: Almost from the beginning of the special session it was a near certainty that higher education was not going to realize the levels of funding that had been requested and even approved by the respective houses during the last days of the regular session. The reason was that forces of compromise were at work with the lieutenant governor and the Senate beginning to yield and move off the high-side. This process continued to work throughout the special session. We knew we were probably not going to get back to 1985 levels of funding, much less that plus an adjustment for inflation; so we began to lower our sights and hold together as a coalition.

Apache: Are you referring to a coalition of public junior colleges?

Hawkins: No, I'm talking about *all* the elements of higher education pressing for as good of funding as possible, knowing there was a significant amount of damage to be repaired in *all* institutions. Then, on the last day of the special session, the Legislature and the governor accepted the necessity of a tax increase and came to an agreement on a biennial budget that gave higher education a good increase in funding over 1986-87 levels.

Apache: Of the various segments of higher education, weren't junior colleges scheduled to receive one of the smallest percentage increases?

Hawkins: Yes, we were scheduled to receive only a 7.6 percent increase for the 1988-89 biennium. However, the increase, as passed by the Legislature, was commendable especially in light of our state's current economic crisis.

Apache: How did you feel about the actions taken during the special session?

Hawkins: I felt optimistic that with Tyler Junior College receiving about $1.5 million more in state appropriations for 1987-88 and despite that total falling short of 1984-85 funding levels, some inroad could be made to repair the damage done during the last biennium.

Apache: And then the ax fell. Gov. Clements, in a line item veto, cut $45 million earmarked for group insurance premiums for employees at public junior colleges. What is your reaction to this, and how will it affect Tyler Junior College?

Hawkins: I was utterly dismayed by the veto. I had no idea it was coming — nor did anyone else. The governor's veto reduced appropriations for junior colleges to approximately 2 percent over current funding levels. Obviously, the veto of more than 5 percent of the total funding for junior colleges significantly reduced appropriations for the upcoming biennium. The veto cut $1 million from TJC's appropriations over the next biennium and forced us to rework what had been proposed as the 1987-88 budget.

Apache: What are the major consequences of the governor's veto as far as TJC is concerned?

Hawkins: There are two major consequences. One is the elimination of a proposed 3 percent pay increase for faculty and staff — modest that it was. The other is a 3 percent increase in local taxes.

Apache: Will there be additional problems next year because of the veto?

Hawkins: Yes, because it was a veto that affected both years of the biennium.

Apache: Last year Tyler Junior College was ranked 18th in the average faculty salary listing of the 49 public junior colleges in Texas. Will Gov. Clements' veto affect that ranking?

Hawkins: We moved from 25th in 1985-86 to 18th in '86-87. But now, I suspect, with faculty getting no pay increase, we will fall down the ladder in those rankings. And that is not good because the TJC Board of Trustees has a commitment to increase the average faculty salary so that we would be in the top 10.

Apache: From your perspective as president of Tyler Junior College and as president-elect of the Texas Public Community/Junior College Association, can anything be done about the

governor's veto before the 71st Legislature convenes in 1989?

Hawkins: The state association has a plan to try to deal with the veto before the next session. The first part of the plan is to meet with Gov. Clements and his staff to discuss the veto and what might be done to recover all or part of the money.

Apache: Isn't that a long shot?

Hawkins: Yes, but we are going to try to work with the governor before we consider the second step.

Apache: What is the second step of the plan?

Hawkins: If the governor does not respond favorably, we will take our case to the people by asking legislators, board members, taxpayers and college faculty and staff to register their displeasure with the governor's action.

Apache: Is there a third step in the plan?

Hawkins: Yes, seek restoration of the funds by the 71st Legislature.

Apache: What was the rationale for the governor's veto?

Hawkins: He officially used two things as his rationale. One was that "public junior colleges in Texas currently receive more per capita funding than any other state in the nation. Additional increases in appropriations made to these schools exceed what is reasonable for good public policy in these difficult times." Obviously the governor is misinformed on this issue because junior colleges in Texas are *not* receiving more per capita in funds than any other state in the union.

Apache: What was the other thing he used as his rationale?

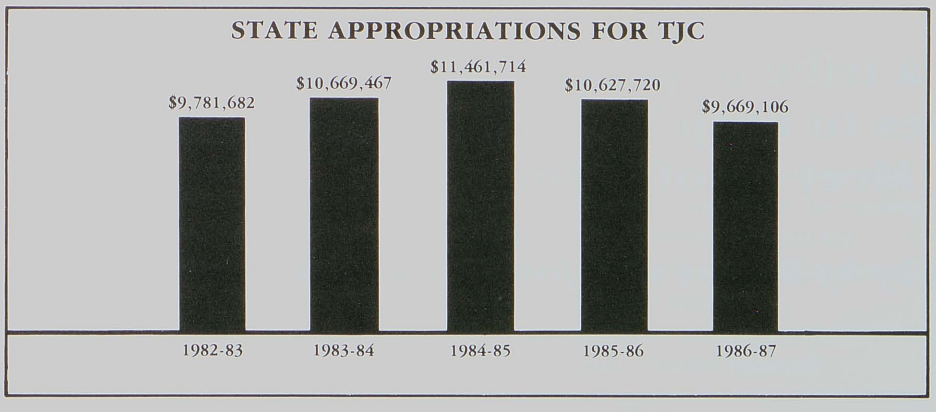
Hawkins: He said that although the veto was not to eliminate group insurance premiums for college staff, there were other funds available to us to pay for these premiums. But that is simply not true. We do not have other funds to use as demonstrated by the fact that we had to eliminate proposed pay increases and raise local taxes, and state law mandates that each institution provide group insurance benefits for its employees.

Apache: Wasn't the governor's action contrary to the understanding between the lawmakers of the state?

Hawkins: Yes, it breaks faith with what we thought was agreement among all leaders of state government in a crisis time to establish a budget for the biennium and lay on the necessary taxes to fund it. For the governor to have vetoed anything, much less our appropriations, was a demonstration of bad faith. Not only will it be harmful to junior colleges as a whole, and to Tyler Junior College specifically, it widened the gap which we already had in working with the governor and his staff.

Apache: Didn't most legislative leaders, and specifically Rep. David Hudson and Sen. Ted Lyon, meet the issues headup?

Hawkins: Yes, they were very statesmanlike in meeting the issues, carefully appropriating funds to restore part of what had been lost and courageously voting for a responsible tax increase. Rep. Hudson and Sen. Lyon voted "aye" on all issues affecting junior colleges, and they should be commended for their bold and positive action.



INDIANS IN APACHELAND

by Timothy Scott

It takes a tribe of people working behind the scenes to keep TJC running smoothly. Meet 10 of them.

Photography by Danny and Josette Garrett

'It can be stressful'

One thing strikes fear into the hearts of every college student. The agony of it can turn strong men into candidates for a Pee Wee Herman lookalike contest. It can cause usually sane people to collapse into catatonia or walk the hallways babbling incoherently. It could render an implacable James Bond wet with perspiration. It quite simply makes cowards of us all.

There is no need to go on. Anyone who has ever experienced it knows it can only be one thing: REGISTRATION.

One person with more than her fair share of the registration wars is Joan Norris, the TJC assistant to the registrar for 20 years.

''Oh,'' she begins (it seems that all discussions of registration begin with ''oh.''). ''It's our most hectic time of the year. We never seem to get everything done. And by the time one (registration) is over, it's time for the next one. It can be stressful.''

Luckily for everyone, registration, like the Bataan Death March and a visit to your favorite dentist, does end. And during the time between registrations, Joan Norris' job is considerably less taxing.

Her duties include, among other various and sundry things, keeping the list of graduating students up-to-date, ordering their diplomas, keeping the records for the College's state aid reports and supervising the student aides working in the registrar's office.

''I like my job. It's not boring, and there's always something happening,'' she says.

A case in point.

She tells the story of the mother who rushed into the registrar's office and asked to speak to her son. The son was attending class, and Norris explained that students were called out of class only in emergency situations.

Was it an emergency? ''Yes,'' the mother said.

Was it a death in the family? ''No,'' the mother said.

Was it an accident involving some member of the family? ''No,'' said the mother.

Joan Norris

What was it, then? The mother explained that she had inadvertately mistaken cat food for tuna and packed her son's lunch with sandwiches more suited for the family cat than the heir to the family name.

Did that qualify as an emergency? You bet it did. The son was called away from his diligent attention to a faculty member's lecture, and, thereby, saved from his culinary fate.

When not saving students' lives, Norris, married for 43 years, a mother of four and a grandmother of seven, enjoys working in the college ministry of Tyler's First Baptist Church. She and husband Darrell counsel the students in Christian values. And they have hosted many of the ministry's students in their home.

''I enjoy that contact with young people — it's very satisfying. The kids in the ministry call us 'mama' and 'papa,''' she says with a look of embarrassed joy.

The 62-year-old real mama of Judy, Susan, Tim and Gayla is looking anxiously toward her upcoming retirement.

''I'm looking forward to not having a schedule. I'll have more time for reading and a lot more freedom to visit my children and spend some quality time with them,'' she says.

And, of course, she'll never have to face the multi-headed hydra of registration again.

'Protect the students and the property'

The United States Marines: They're looking for a few good men.

It's a slogan, and it's catchy. But what does it really mean? The life of ex-marine and TJC campus safety officer Gene Carney can offer some insight into its meaning.

For 22 years he proudly wore the uniform of America's quintessential fighting man. In Korea, and in Vietnam, where he was wounded so severely doctors feared he might lose a leg, he has served his country in war. And in peace, he served as a Marine drill instructor preparing young men to defend themselves and this country.

That is a remarkable record of service, but that is not what is most remarkable about the man.

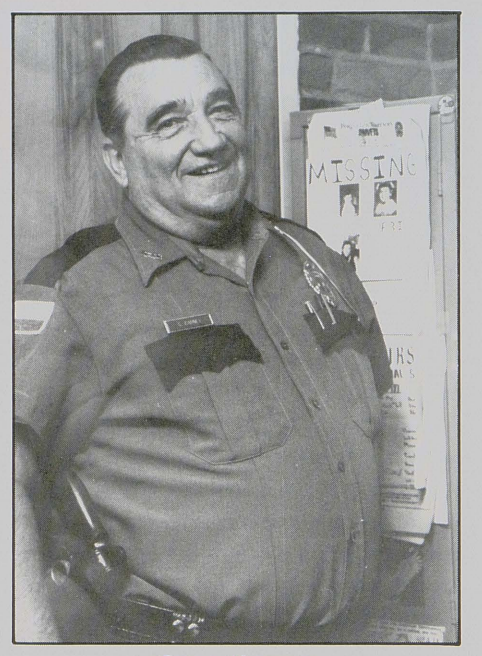
What is most remarkable about Carney is that he has done those things and still has a sense of himself. He is much like the good ole boy who grew up in Depression era North Tyler where he swam in the municipal swimming pool and made toys out of discarded soda pop bottles. He is much like the boy who joined the Marines before he graduated from high school because he ''wanted to shake a little of this East Texas dust off my shoes.''

He is much the same, with one exception.

''It (the experience of war) makes you more appreciative of the liberties and the freedoms that we have in this country,'' says Carney, who, even now, keeps the U.S. Marine ensignia on his TJC campus safety locker. ''Whenever people say that there is a price to be paid, we know what that price is.''

A somber thought. But Carney is far from being a somber man. He has an affability about him that is, at once, overwhelming and genuine. Talk with him five minutes and it is as though he were a lifetime friend. Regaling his listener with stories of his childhood or his war experiences, he gestures expansively and laughs easily and honestly.

An incident which is especially revealing of Carney is the story of his recovery from a serious shrapnel injury in



Gene Carney

Vietnam.

"First of all," says Carney. "I knew I was in better shape than most of the other guys in the hospital. And when the doctor told me I might lose the leg, I figured I might as well get all the walking out of that leg that I could before I lost it. So, from then on, I walked everywhere I could in the hospital." It took 58 days, a lot of medication and an incredible act of will, but Carney left the hospital on two legs.

Now, in 1987, a slightly bow-legged Carney, in his TJC campus safety officer's uniform, walks just fine. He's been at TJC for seven years after serving four years as assistant police chief in Troup and two years as a campus safety officer at the University of Texas at Tyler.

His job, as he sees it, is to "protect the students and property of TJC so that we can have a conducive environment for a meaningful education."

Married 37 years to his wife Mickey, and the father of two grown daughters, Mericka and Ellen, Carney says he likes "nearly everything" about his job. But there is one thing that does concern him — the distrust students seem to have for anyone wearing a police uniform.

"I would really like to get to the point where students look at us (campus safety officers) as someone to help them," he says. "I would like to see more openess and communication between the officers and the students. We have to bring them (students) into the process because we need those extra eyes to watch the vast area of this campus."

Considering the way he has led his life, any student would do well to put their trust in him. Whether in a U.S. Marine uniform or a TJC campus safety officer's uniform, he has proven himself to be the embodiment of the famous slogan.

The Marines were looking for a "few good men." And in Gene Carney, they got one.

'The best place I've ever worked'

TJC assistant bookkeeper Dee Hamilton is part of a shrinking number of American women. Like the buffalo or the North American whooping crane, they are an endangered species. I have never actually seen or talked to one (certainly not since the ascendency of Ms. Gloria Steinham). Dee (close your eyes and ears, Gloria) believes nothing makes her happier than being a housewife and taking care of "one husband, two kids, two cats, one dog and one hampster."

And here's the kicker: when she is asked to list her hobbies, one of them is cleaning house. "There is nothing like a good clean baseboard," she jokes.

Hm. Tell us more, Dee.

Despite the fact that she enjoys being home stalking wild dust bunnies and being what comedienne Roseann Barr calls "a domestic goddess," she likes her job at TJC.

Her job involves working with the director of purchasing and inventory control. She issues all purchase orders for the College which range from requests for furniture for a complete office to the color of letterhead to liquid paper. Then, when the invoices arrive, she codes them with the P.O. numbers and sends them to the business office to be put on a computer.

She also "fills in" at the business office, especially during registration, and opens all mail for the office and routes it to the appropriate persons.

"This is the best place I've ever worked," says the 1969 graduate of Tyler's Robert E. Lee High School, who had previously worked at a Tyler hospital and a pharmacy before coming to TJC five years ago. "It's not a job where you dread getting up and going to work every morning.

"The people I work with are all very fine people. And, if I didn't think they were, I'd say so. That's one of my best characteristics: I try to tell the truth as I see it."

Dee and husband Robert, the owner of an industrial scales business, are the parents of two daughters, Sharon, 17, and Susan, 13. And as might be suspected from a woman of traditional values, family is very important to her.

"I think that when everything else fails you your family will always be there," she says.

When it comes to family, TJC is lucky to have Dee as a member of its family. Who wouldn't want her as a member of their family? She considers herself cooperative and friendly, handles her job with aplomb, and she's loyal.

Besides, she does windows.

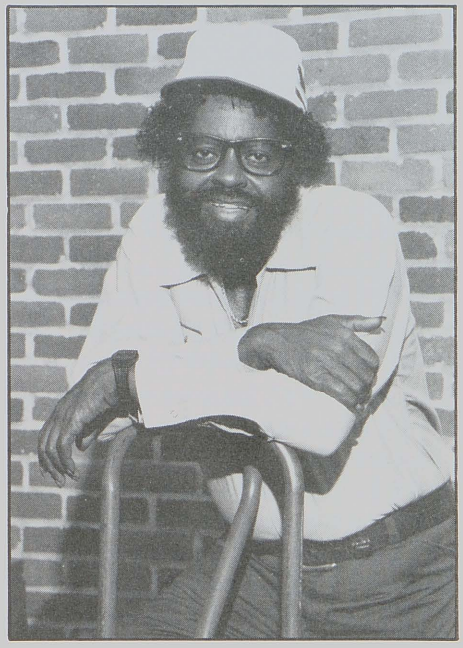
Dee Hamilton

'I love the great outdoors'

Buck Moore is one of those people who could use a slash in his occupational description. Like model/actress Donna Rice or minister/politician Pat Robertson. Merely to say that Moore is TJC's grounds mainte-

nance supervisor is to do him an injustice. Therefore, the slash. To truly capture the essence of the man, his description should read: TJC grounds maintenance supervisor/philosopher Buck Moore.

He is a man with opinions and a definite flair for expressing them. On life in the future he says: "I probably won't have this job 10 years from now — there'll be a robot doing it." On one's short time upon the planet Earth, he offers the profoundly understated: "Life pass(es) and death last(s)."



Buck Moore

He even looks the part of a philosopher. With thick black hair and full biblical beard encasing his brown face, he looks like an Ethiopian prophet or the Civil War abolitionist leader Frederick Douglas. And as for the first part of his two part description, the one that puts food on his table, he is enthusiastic about his groundskeeping chores.

Moore, who spent the first seven years of his life on a farm in Noonday, says he relishes his job "because I love the great outdoors and watching things grow." He loves it so much that his ideal career would be that of "a game warden or forest ranger." But working on the tree-lined campus of TJC is close enough, and TJC's impeccably manicured lawns speak volumes about the quality of his work.

After working nearly a decade for Tyler Pipe Industries, he got a job at the College. His younger brother, who was then a TJC groundsman, recommended that he apply as a groundsman. That was eight years ago. He became a supervisor two years ago, and now he supervises seven other workers.

What kind of boss is he?

"Well," he says, thoughtfully, "I wouldn't give myself a lot of credit, and I wouldn't take any away from me either. But I think I'm likable and easy to work with."

A 1964 graduate of Tyler's Scott High School, Moore, who calls himself "a TV addict" (westerns are his favorite), also enjoys fishing and football.

'Building something from scratch'

The first thing you notice about Josette Garrett is her looks. Brunette, classy, a lithe dancer's body, she looks like a younger Ali McGraw or Kate Jackson.

Seeing her walk across TJC's campus, an April bitten college man might easily mistake her for a coed and (in the lexicon of the day) "hit on her." It's happened.

And when a particular young man learned that she wasn't a student, he assumed she was a young teacher. She's not. So, he asked her out again. She explained that even though she was not a teacher, she was still an employee of TJC. She was, she continued, the College's graphic arts technician. Besides, she was the young man's senior by some years. The young man listened attentively — then — he asked her out again.

Sometimes it's a tough life for an 80's career woman.

That's what Garrett is. She is the prototype woman of the 80's: married, yet professional and independent.

She is a woman who chose graphic arts instead of dance "because I got tired of people telling me what to do," she says.

"Of course I was only 18 years old and just starting at TJC. I didn't realize then that there would always be art directors around."

Before coming to work at TJC four years ago, the John Tyler High School, Tyler Junior College and East Texas State University graduate worked at a

Josette Garrett

Richardson advertising agency.

"I had been there three years, and I felt I was in a dead-end situation," she says. "I wasn't really looking for another job. But when I heard about the position at TJC I applied for it. It was a better financial opportunity for me, and I really liked the idea of building something from scratch."

She was starting from scratch because there was no graphic arts technician position at TJC until Garrett arrived. It was a situation that well suited an independent career woman.

"Everything in the graphic arts office is mine. It's set up the way I want it. It (the job) was just an opportunity I couldn't pass up," she says.

Her job is "two fold." She works with the College's faculty in producing visual presentations, such as slides and overhead transparencies, which serve as teaching aids. She also designs most of the layouts for the College's various publications. It is a job that calls upon her to use her skills as a photographer, artist and designer.

"I love designing layouts for magazines. And up until recently doing layouts for the *Apache* magazine was my favorite part of my job," she says.

But now, she equally likes another part of her job, multi-image presentations, the process of using multiple projectors to chronicle some facet of the College. A recent presentation on the history of the Apache Belles required her

to use nine projectors. She says the presentation was a "great success."

"That has to be the best work I've done since I have been here. It was a documentary of the Belles from beginning to end. I'm very proud of it. The best part was that it made (Apache Belle director) Ruth Flynn cry," she says. "Ruth cried because she was happy.

"I like that. I like the idea of touching someone emotionally with something I've created."

'I consider every question a personal challenge'

Okay, think fast: In what year was the European Academy of Allergology and Clinical Immunology founded? And just for good measure, what was the name of President Millard Filmore's *second* wife? What? You didn't even know that Millard had more than one wife, and you have never heard of allergology? Besides, you thought that Americans had more sense than to elect a man named Millard to the highest office in the land.

Well, since those answers are obviously not at the tip of your tongue, where do you turn?

One option is Mary Jane McNamara, TJC Vaughn Library and Learning Resources Center's reference assistant. She might not know that the Academy was founded in 1956 or that Caroline Carmichael McIntosh was the second woman to join Millard in a trek down the matrimonial aisle, but she can point you in the right direction. McNamara is good at her job. But then, she has had a lot of practice. She has been a librarian for 45 years, 17 of them at TJC.

Mary Jane McNamara

"I've wanted to be a librarian since I was a little girl," she says in a voice only slightly more audible than the sound of a feather dropped against a cloud. It is the voice of one who is used to whispering.

"It's the perfect job for me," she says. "I am insatiably curious myself. I'm also an inveterate reader, and I consider every question a personal challenge."

Be that as it may, she almost had a career as a teacher instead of a librarian. In 1944, McNamara, then a TJC student, was trying to choose between two careers when a favorite female instructor guided her into the library sciences.

"There was an opening at the public library, and the instructor told me to go down and get it. I was having trouble deciding what I should do. But she had decided that I was going to be a librarian. And that was, pretty much, that." Now, she says, she "can't imagine doing anything else."

Having worked in both a public and a college library, she has a definite preference.

"I like the college atmosphere. Here at TJC there is a wider range of educated and interesting people to deal with, not only the library staff but the faculty and students as well. It's just a very pleasant, interesting and challenging environment."

Born in Corsicana but raised in Tyler, her hobbies, besides "reading, reading and reading," include antique collecting, her cats, gardening and local history.

'It's the computer... not me'

In her late 30's, brown-haired and slim, she looks more like the teacher she was for 13 years than someone who has been nicknamed "Wonder Woman." But she didn't get that moniker by bashing bad guys. The source of the collective awe of TJC's faculty and staff is her ability to do

Linda Nutt

massive amounts of work in a very short time.

As TJC's coordinator of communication services, Linda Nutt's job is to reproduce and mail out vital letters which the College needs to keep it running smoothly.

For instance, if students need to be notified of the availability of dorm space for an upcoming semester, the letters are processed by Nutt; if for some reason the College needs to contact key members of the TJC Alumni Association, the letters are processed by Nutt. Basically, any of the College's mailed communications come under the purview of this paragon of beauracratic efficiency.

But she does have some help in the completion of her Herculean tasks — a computer.

"Everybody seems to be amazed by the volume of work I put out," she says. "But I keep telling people it's the computer; it's not me. A business secretary might type 10 to 15 letters in a week. With the computer, I can handle 400 to 500 letters a week."

She may downplay her own part in the work process, but she is pleased that others at TJC do not.

"Everybody is very appreciative of what I do. We all need to be appreciated, and I really get that from the people here," says the Houston native.

Appreciation is something she didn't get in the concluding stages of her years

as a junior high school teacher.

"When I first started teaching in 1969, teachers were respected," she says. "But starting in about 1977 and '78, the kids just became too wild. There was no discipline, and I just burned-out."

The experience didn't turn her off teaching altogether, though. She teaches a night course in computer science for the College in addition to her other duties. And she has found teaching TJC students a much more "pleasant and rewarding experience."

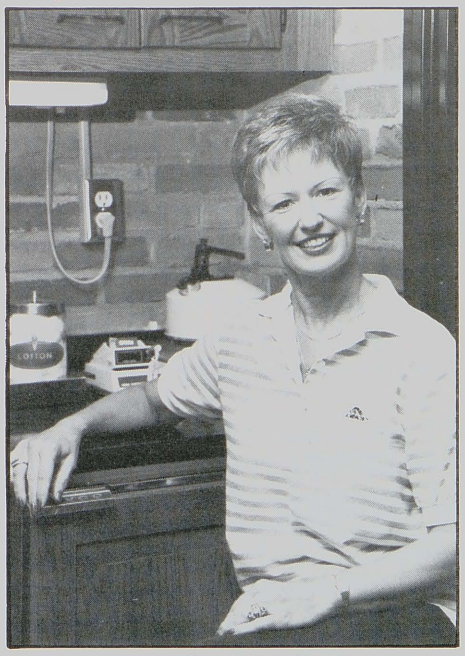
She and husband Troy are the parents of one daughter, Jennifer, 15. The family's hobbies are camping, fishing and waterskiing.

'I like caring for people'

How many people get exactly what they want from life? Very few — maybe three.

Richard Burton married Elizabeth Taylor, twice; a grade B movie actor got the role of his life as president of the United States; and some lucky cosmetics manufacturer blissfully reaps the rewards of Tammy Bakker's addiction to mascara. And, add to that list the name of TJC's health services coordinator Zelda Boucher.

A Tyler native and former TJC student, she says: "As a young person, I always wanted to be a wife, a mother and nurse. I'm lucky enough to be all three, and things just get better."



Zelda Boucher

With an attitude like that, one can surmise that she enjoys her job, and she does.

"I'm a people person. I like caring for people. I especially like being around students. And in this job, I become a sort of substitute mother to a lot of students," says Boucher, the mother of three grown sons: Scott, 27, Grant, 25 and Cliff, 20.

Doing her job for the black and gold of TJC only completes the jigsaw puzzle of the little girl who had her dreams come true.

"As long as I have been alive there has been a Tyler Junior College," she says. "My father was a member of the TJC Quarterback Club, and I went to school here. I grew up equating TJC with integrity and honor, and my impressions haven't changed. TJC has always been my school."

She describes the duties of the job she has held for 10 years as "assisting students on being and staying physically and mentally well and promoting good health habits through education."

Away from the job, she and husband James enjoy building and finishing furniture, photography, swimming and antique collecting.

'I'm pretty much always the same'

Simpatico. It is an Italian word meaning in sympathy with one's surroundings and describes one who carries an inner sense of serenity; one who has made peace with the world. TJC custodian Billy Jo Lee is simpatico.

Making her way through the offices and hallways of Jenkins Hall, she greets her fellow workers sincerely, and she is greeted in kind. It is the same whether it is a member of the College's executive staff, a school secretary, a faculty member or a student she knows. Maybe they chat about her children, their children, the weather, the daily struggle. But small talk with Billie Jo is only a means to an end. The real purpose of these encounters is to, momentarily, bathe in the glow of her serenity.

It is a serenity and consistency of

Billie Jo Lee

character that even astonishes its owner.

"I do have an unusual personality. Things don't seem to get to me as much as they do other people. I'm pretty much always the same. It even amazes me sometimes," she says.

Asked how she acquired her easy-going nature, she refers to the Christian values she learned from her grandmother. "Faith," she says, "is the only thing that can explain it."

Her faith expresses itself not only in her personality but in another of her gifts: her voice. Presently one of the lead singers for her Baptist church choir, she at one time considered a career in music. The 1962 graduate of Tyler's Scott High School sang her heart out on many of that school's talent shows. Singing songs by the Ronnettes and the Shirelles, her goal was "to be one of the best vocalists of all time."

Marriage and family altered that dream for the now-divorced mother of three. Does she regret not pursuing a musical career?

"Not really," she says. "I may have given up something, but I got something else in return. My children have all been very successful so far, and I'm very proud of them." Malissa, 23, is a cosmetologist who owns her own business. Geniece, 22, will soon graduate from nursing school and Roderick, 15, is a burgeoning football star.

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When all you ever wanted is enough — well almost

by Timothy Scott

Robin Hood Brians, a successful recording engineer, composer/producer and creator of radio and television commercials, is ready for a new venture.

Photography by Robert Langham

Success. Sometimes it takes a long time to attain. But, when you do get it, you know it.

By almost any measure of that subjective term, Robin Hood Brians has achieved success. He has the degree of financial independence which allows him to vacation all over the world, whether it is skiing in the Austrian Alps or sunning himself on the beaches of the Virgin Islands.

But then there is another kind of success. This success is not for mass consumption. It is the success that comes from within; the success of knowing who you are, and, more importantly, liking who you are.

"I am pleased with where I am today," says Brians, a TJC-ex student. "I've gotten very good at what I do. It's like anything else: you build up your knowledge and skills, until finally you have great confidence in what you can do."

What Brians has become very good at is making music — a very special kind of music. He and partner Randy Fouts create music and lyrics for television and radio commercials. They have a catalog of over 30 clients which includes American Airlines, Chili's Restaurants, Six Flags Over Texas, Pizza Inn, Phillips Petroleum, Big Red, Pabst Blue Ribbon Beer and Dairy Queen. One of the main reasons corporations seek out Brians-Fouts is the nearly 30 years of experience Brians has in writing, engineering and producing music. That's experience few of his rivals can match.

In the late 50's, while still attending TJC, he began organizing his own recording studio. The studio would later host, and Brians would personally engineer recordings for, the likes of ZZ Top (he recorded their first four albums), Neil Diamond, Joe Stampley, Tina Turner, John Fred and the Playboy Band (their No. 1 hit *Judy in Disguise* was recorded by Brians) and country star David Houston.

He also recorded many regional acts. During the 60's and 70's, Brians' studio became a magnet for East Texas and Louisiana performers hoping to make it to the big-time.

Music has never been far away from Brians' life. His godmother, a music teacher, began giving him singing lessons when he was 5 years old. He sang in choral organizations in school for most of the early portion of his life, including the Singing Apaches while attending TJC, and he was a member of his Tyler church's choir for 23 years.

But when he enrolled at TJC, there was a different career plan. His father, an oilman, wanted him to major in geology, with hopes that Robin, also, would enter the oil business. But his interest just wasn't in igneous rocks and geological surveys, and his grades showed it.

He says now, "I realized that my talents were in music and that I would never be able to succeed to a high level in something I was not interested in."

Robin Hood Brians says he has "great fun" playing his Bosendorfer Imperial Grand piano. The concert piano costs about $65,000 and has nine extra keys that go down to a low C.

So, in his second year at TJC, he dumped the idea of majoring in geology and concentrated on music and business courses. Though he never actually graduated from TJC, the dye had been irrevocably cast.

Almost three decades removed from those events, Brians wears his success well and without ostentation. A slender man with curly red hair and matching beard, he is dressed casually in a green print shirt and jeans.

The Tyler studio, which has been a large part of his life, looks much the same way. Located on a well traveled Tyler residential street, a passerby might mistake it for just another middle class home with a well trimmed lawn enclosed by a wooden fence. The carved sign which proclaims Brians-Fouts Studio is modestly placed in a corner of the lawn.

The inside of the actual studio, to the uninitiated, seems also surprisingly small: a control room containing what looks like an expanded version of the typical modern stereo controls, microphones and a room which looks as though it could hold six or seven musicians. All together, there is about the same amount of space as two rooms in a large house.

Brians explains that in the old days studios were larger because recordings were made "live" with the entire band or orchestra present. Now, technology has made it possible to record music a little at a time — a singer now, a piano later and a string section still later. The engineer makes the final product. "It's like doing a jigsaw puzzle," he says. This is his element.

"My work has always been fun for me. I love people, I love music and I love what I'm doing," he says. "In the music business, you come in close proximity to a lot of drugs. And over the years, I guess I could have had practically anything I wanted. But I never felt that pressure, because I'm doing what I want to do."

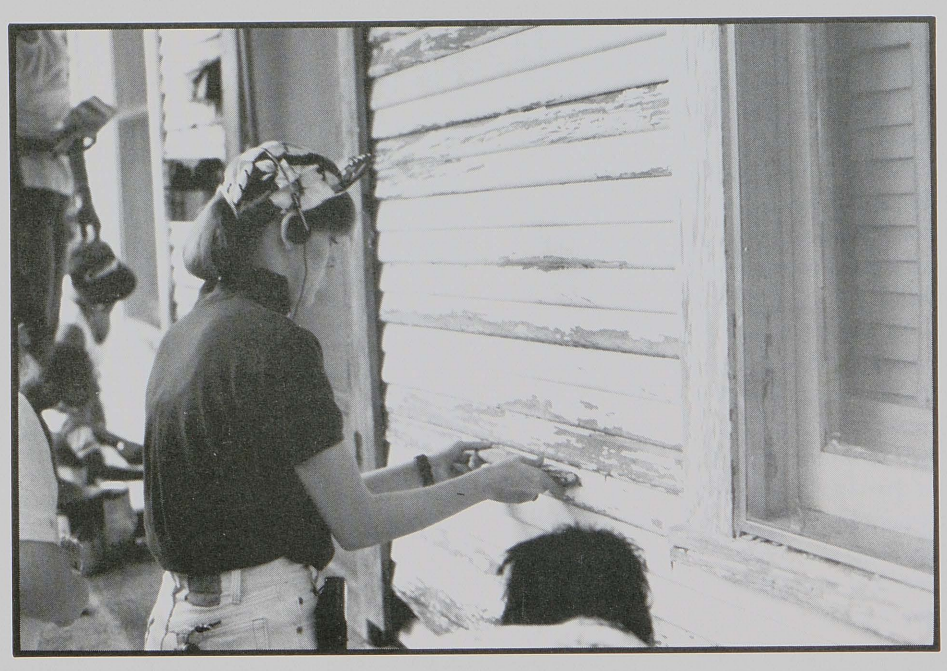
Married and the father of a 9-year-old son and an 8-year-old daughter (both have already done background singing for commercials), Brians describes himself as a cautious man. "I've always been someone who played it safe and hedged my bets. That's part of the reason I started the studio. I wanted to be in music, yet, I wanted some stability to my life."

Consequently, he explains, he never made one career move until he was sure he had something else to fall back on in case the new move failed. Now he is secure enough as a composer of advertising theme songs that he is ready for a new venture: writing and producing feature films. He is already in the process of writing several screen plays.

"To me, what's ahead is so much better than the past," he says. "Now, I'm at the point where I can be my own person."

That may not be the dictionary definition of success, but, in a pinch, it will suffice.

Painting troubles away –



by Betty Nelson

A bunch of sociology students
went on a goodwill spree last summer.
Two elderly women are glad they did.

The generation gap just got zapped at Tyler Junior College.

Thanks to a group of sociology students in cooperation with the Meals on Wheels Nutrition and Fellowship Program, two elderly women in Tyler now have homes that sparkle with a fresh coat of paint.

But, the goodwill generated and the lessons learned go much deeper than a layer of paint.

"Not only were we, as students, working together, we were doing something that made a difference in someone else's life," said Chuck Rogers of Tyler, a political science major at Lamar University who took courses at TJC this summer.

The two houses painted this summer were selected by Meals on Wheels through Project HELP, a program funded by a grant from the Junior League of Tyler and designed to help the elderly's living plight.

"As we made evaluations of our clients, we realized that many of them had needs that weren't being met." "Because of certain criteria that they did not meet, agencies in Tyler couldn't take care of them," said Betty Burchfield of Meals on Wheels.

Two women, owners of homes that for reasons beyond their control were in severe need of repair, were chosen out of 230 clients.

Enter Rebecca Laughlin-Foster's sociology classes. Students in the spring had participated in painting a house in North Tyler.

The students volunteered to participate in the project with Meals on Wheels. They provided a pool of labor while at the same time involving themselves in an educational process.

The two elderly Tyler women were literally prisoners in their own homes, Burchfield said.

One of them, Burchfield explained, was virtually deaf and had little communication with the outside world.

"From the beginning, our staff was concerned about her surroundings such as the need for house repair," she said. "Our direct involvement began after discovering a receipt for $125 for an unpainted screen door that was hung haphazardly. At that point, realizing her most obvious problems, her lack of funds and the potential of having her fall prey, we began to assess her needs and how we could meet them."

With the TJC sociology class providing the exterior painting labor, paint furnished by the College, equipment and supplies furnished by the students, and a Sunday School class from Sylvania Baptist Church volunteering to do repair work, Project Help was able to provide the woman with new security latches on the doors, a new back door with a dead-bolt lock and other protection measures. About 25 students painted the house in approximately four hours.

The woman, who had lived in the house since 1916 (her parents built it in 1907), told a case worker, "Do you know the difference between lonesome and lonely? Lonesome is when you would just give anything if someone would come by to say hello. That isn't so bad. Lonely is when you know no one cares. I have never felt lonely again since you found me."

That sentiment is shared by the students involved in the painting project because, as one explained, many of them had no idea that there were people in the community so in need.

"It made us feel so good to know that we were making a difference," Rogers said. "Exciting is a good word. At first, the women came out in disbelief. But then, once they realized that this bunch of young adults was there to help, it was neat."

Gaylor Smith-Horton of Canton, a recent graduate of TJC's associate degree nursing program who is now attending the University of Texas at Tyler, said, "These kids don't know it now but what they did this summer will have a big impact on their later lives."

Smith-Horton, who described herself as "old enough to be these kids' mother," said being involved in the house painting restored her faith in young people. Seeing the students work together toward a common goal was reassuring, she said.

Participating in the house painting project is voluntary, Laughlin-Foster said.

But according to the students interviewed, no one declined. In fact, Rogers said, he has heard of students on campus not enrolled in sociology who want to find out how they can help.

So eager are the students to paint more houses that a group has been formed, the Paint A House A Month Team (PAHAMT). T-shirts are already in the works.

(*The following was shared by Meals on Wheels, Michael Donnelly, director. It was written by one of their clients after her house was painted by TJC students and repaired through Project HELP. The comments illustrate the elderly woman's new sense of well-being.*)

- Learning my new door lock.
- More "left off" jobs done.
- No getting preoccupied and letting a dinner fixing be late or scorched, a blessing from Meals on Wheels.
- Not having to watch two doors.
- Using back way and gardening like I've wished to do for many years.
- Gathering up "odds and ends" of useful things that one (I) would not be needing or can't use. Giving to others the useful.
- Enjoying a new world with my new hearing aid (hearing my neighbor's dog bark) and many more useful things that I haven't heard in 34 years. I am back in the human race once more.
- Retiring in safety without moving heavier things against the doors so a noise would be made in case of a break-in.
- Enjoying home more — a dream fulfilled more every day.
- Thanking the honest hearts who still believe in a Supreme Being.
- I can leave the big-room window up in summer for a fan with the yard light on . . .
- I am very grateful.

Quick. How do you get from Bettie, Texas to New Haven, Connecticut? —

It is a long, hard road from small-town East Texas to the prestigious Yale Graduate School of Drama, but the man in jeans and thin-rimmed glasses sitting atop a stool on the stage of Jean Browne Theatre has made the journey. Bernard Cummings, who is addressing an audience made up largely of speech and theater program students eager to follow in his footsteps, makes it sound so simple.

"Discipline," he says in a Jamaican-sounding accent that belies the fact he was reared in Bettie, a small rural community located near Gilmer. "It's all a matter of how much you are willing to sacrifice."

Cummings, a 1985 TJC graduate, is animated this fall afternoon as he talks of his experience at TJC, Southern Methodist University and the presitigious Yale Repertory Company.

Each year thousands of the most promising young actors in the nation apply for a handful of openings in the troupe. Cummings is one in a class of 14. Yale Repertoire Company gained national acclaim this year with a production of the drama *Fences*, which played on Broadway with James Earl Jones in the lead role.

Cummings' informal talk is the first in a series of workshops designed to present students and the community with TJC graduates who have distinguished themselves in various speech and theater fields.

He came to TJC in 1982 with his heart set on obtaining a degree in radio/television broadcasting. He signed up for a speech course on the recommendation of someone during registration and eventually became involved in forensics competition and theater. Initially, he was a disaster who bombed in one forensics tournament after another.

"I should have quit after the second or third tournament. It took awhile for me to understand that acting is not easy. It is work," he says.

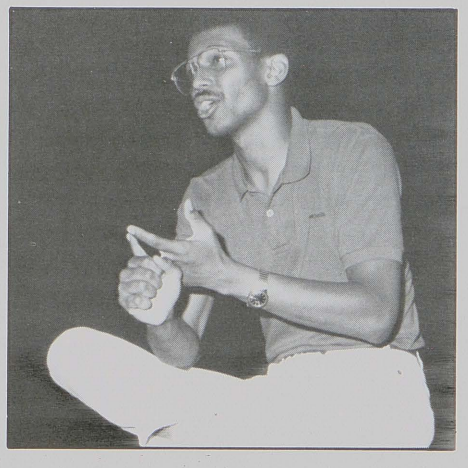
After early failures, he redoubled his efforts and found that through hard work he could succeed. He went on to capture numerous honors and perform in TJC productions of *Becket, The Dark of the Moon, You Can't Take it With You* and *A Knowledge of Country Things.* He won national junior college forensics titles in duet acting his freshman and sophomore years and prose and dramatic interpretation titles his sophomore year.

"When you are able to make someone feel an emotion, (it is a need) that becomes contagious," Cummings says.

He won a scholarship to SMU where he was one of 36 students selected for a pre-professional theater program and honored with the university's Greer Garson Scholarship as the outstanding undergraduate theater student.

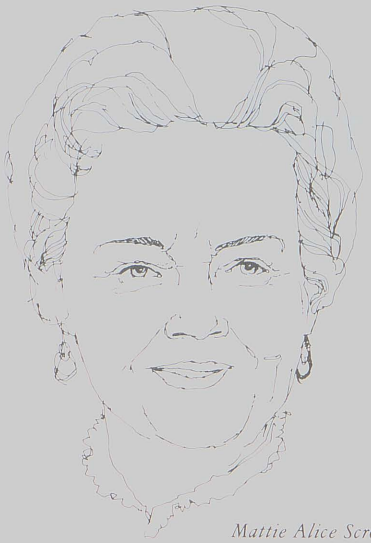
Cummings credits his success to the training he received at TJC. "I don't think I could have gone as far as I have if it hadn't been for the preparation I received at TJC."

TJC speech instructor Jacque Shackelford says Cummings has risen to the top because of a burning desire to accomplish whatever he sets out to do. "Bernard knew what he wanted, set his goals and did what he had to do to meet them."



Work, and more work says TJC grad Bernard Cummings who is now in Yale's Graduate School of Drama.

by Danny Mogle



Mattie Alice Scroggin Baker

Excellence in teaching award created

The establishment of the Mattie Alice Scroggin Baker Excellence in Teaching Award at Tyler Junior College was announced recently by Dr. Raymond M. Hawkins, TJC president, and Sarah Harrison, TJC English/journalism instructor and president of the TJC Faculty Senate.

The award was created by establishing a $25,000 endowment from a portion of the Mattie Alice Scroggin Baker bequest to TJC.

Recipient of the $1,000 annual award will be the College's Minnie Stevens Piper Award nominee. A recipient will be recommended by the TJC Faculty Senate Professional Growth and Development Committee which also handles the selection of the Piper Award nominee in November.

Baker was a member of the first graduating class of TJC in 1928. A native of Smith County, she was educated in the Tyler school system and received her bachelor's degree in education from the University of Texas at Austin. She was a teacher in the Tyler Independent School District.

Baker's bequest to TJC was also used to establish the Mattie Alice Scroggin Baker Presidential Scholarship in memory of her parents, Claude Ernest Scroggin and Marietta Cone Scroggin.

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Memorial scholarship established

The Frank E. Peycke Memorial Scholarship has been established at Tyler Junior College to recognize the longtime Kelly-Springfield (K-S) employee who died last summer.

Announcement was made by James R. Borgerding, plant manager, Kelly-Springfield Tire Co., Dr. Raymond M. Hawkins, president of TJC and John Nash, president of Local 746, United Rubber Workers.

The Frank E. Peycke Memorial Scholarship was established by the $2,000 cash award TJC received as recipient, along with K-S, of the Keep America Working Award which recognized TJC's retraining of K-S employees when the decision was made to convert the Tyler plant to radial tire production.

Peycke, who served as industrial relations manager for 10 years, was instrumental in the retraining efforts, K-S officials said.

First recipient of the endowed scholarship will be announced in the spring for the fall, 1988, semester. Recipient selection will be made by the TJC Scholarship Committee. Guidelines include that the recipient be the child or dependent of a K-S employee.

In addition to the initial endowment, the scholarship will be funded through designated Kelly-Springfield employees' activities, including the Labor Day picnic and private donations.

Persons in the community interested in contributing to the Frank E. Peycke Memorial Scholarship Fund may contact the Tyler Junior College Foundation, P. O. Box 9020, Tyler, Texas 75711.

TJC Trustees trim budget

Tyler Junior College Board of Trustees approved a $20.3 million budget for 1987-88 which cuts funding for new equipment purchases, allows for no faculty/staff raises and increases the tax rate by 3 percent.

The Trustees trimmed the budget by combining reduced spending measures and a tax increase to make up for a loss of $500,000 this year in state appropriations.

Last summer, Gov. Bill Clements, in line veto action, cut $45.3 million from the state's budget that was earmarked for public junior/community colleges. TJC's share of that over the next biennium was $1 million.

To compensate for that loss, Trustees, during a work session prior to the regular August meeting, examined ways to trim the proposed $20.6 million budget.

Areas affected by the Trustees' approval of the budget during the regular session included:

- A combination of replacing outdated equipment and the filling of selective personnel vacancies. The proposed budget included $265,000 to replace equipment used in the educational programs. The proposed budget included $325,000 to fill about 13 job vacancies on campus. Trustees decided, in a cost-cutting measure, that certain positions be filled. Savings is expected from both areas to be about $100,000.
- Pay raises for faculty and staff. A modest pay raise of less than 3 percent had originally been planned at a cost of $225,000. Trustees voted to forego any salary increase this year.

Last year, Trustees voted to raise faculty salaries by 6.8 percent. TJC currently ranks 18th out of 49 public junior/community colleges in terms of average faculty salary.

- Tax increase. The 3 percent increase in taxes will generate about $200,000 in revenue for the College. The rate will now be 10.46 cents per $100 of value, up almost one-half cent over the current rate of 10 cents per $100 of value. Homeowners will pay $41.84 annually for a home valued at $40,000, up $1.84 over last year; $83.68 for a $80,000 evaluation, up $2.42 over last year.

Trustees left intact $200,000 which will be used to restore the part-time salary budget. As part of the College's response to action taken during both the 1985 regular session and the 1986 special session, part-time salary and summer salary budgets were curtailed. The restoration of these funds ensure that the College will be available to offer the number and quality of courses the community expects.

Another portion of the proposed budget left unscathed by Trustees was the repayment of $285,000 to the plant fund. As a result of the $1 million loss in appropriations during the 1986 special session of the 69th Legislature, the College was forced to borrow from the plant fund which is set aside for needed replacement construction. The TJC Trustees made it clear that this money must be repaid and plant fund transfers returned to their planned level in 1987-88.

Also included in the 1987-88 budget is $200,000 which will be used to rebuild the reserve for emergencies. The College has traditionally operated on a "pay as you go" basis. With this policy, the College has always maintained minimal reserves. Consequently, forced reduction during the past biennium forced the College's reserve to be exhausted to dangerously low levels, making it difficult for the College to operate in an emergency.

Planetarium begins new season

The Hudnall Planetarium will be open to groups and to members of the public during the 1987-88 school year according to the following schedule.

Dates of Operation:

October 4, 1987 to December 20, 1987
(Closed November 26, 27)

January 17, 1988 to May 15, 1988
(Closed March 28 to April 2)

Days and Hours of Operation:

Sunday — 2-5 p.m.
Tuesday - Friday — 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Public Show Times:

Sunday — 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m.
Tuesday - Friday — 1 p.m.

The first public presentation will be a show entitled *Cosmos*. It will be presented from October 4, 1987 through March 27, 1988. *Cosmos*, written and narrated by Carl Sagan, captures the awe and mystery that man has found in the universe and weaves it into a magical journey through space and time. Illustrated by stunning artwork and photography and accompanied by a wonderful musical score, *Cosmos* will inspire visitors of all ages to look once again at the stars and to realize that we are truly standing "on the shores of the Cosmic Ocean."

Faculty/Staff Briefs

David Crawford, instructor/coordinator of the speech and theatre program, recently received his Ph.D. degree from Texas Tech University. As part of his doctoral dissertation, he wrote the play *Tangled Gardens* which he presented at TJC during the 1986 spring theatre season. Crawford earned his doctorate in theatre playwriting. He has been an instructor at TJC for 11 years.

Judy Hammond, instructor, associate degree nursing, has published a paper for the *Journal of Obstetric Gynecological Neonatal Nursing*, July/August 1987 edition.

Pat Cryer, instructor, vocational nursing, has been elected to the Nursing Honor Society and is named in *Who's Who of American Nurses, 1987.*

Dr. Gerald T. Wilson, dean, division of science and mathematics, was recognized with a Century Club Award for his contributions to the Greater United Way of Tyler, received an award ribbon for special appreciation for an educational exhibit staged during the Tyler Council of Garden Club's 1987 Spring Flower Show, has received a special honorary membership in the Texas Association of Landscape Contractors, Tyler Chapter, for contributions to their industry, has received an invitation to give a presentation at the 1990 World Bromeliad Conference and will present a seminar at the Texas-Oklahoma-Louisiana Southwest Bromeliad Guild Convention this October.

John Smith, director of residential life, is chairman of a subcommittee on the evaluation of Student Assistants Program Task Force which is a joint committee of Tyler Independent School District and Smith County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association.

Pamela London, secretary, residential life, is president of Ramey PTA in Tyler.

Emma Lou Prater, director of student activities, is serving on the Two-Year College Committee for The Association of Fraternity Advisors, is secretary of the Community College Student Activity Directors Association of Texas, serves on the Tyler Clean-Up and Beautification Committee, works on the Say No to Drugs programs, conducted clinics for area cheerleader advisors and taught a cheerleader advisor clinic in Zwiebucken, Germany last summer.

Imogene Beddingfield, secretary, student activities, is care group chairman of Whitehouse United Methodist Church.

Mary Waldrop, dean, division of humanities and social sciences, was named recipient of the Liberty Bell Award by the Smith County Bar Association. The award is given to accord public recognition to men and women, particularly non-lawyers, for outstanding service in promoting a better understanding of the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights, encouraging greater respect for law of the courts, stimulating a deeper sense of individual responsibility so that citizens recognize their duties as well as their rights, contributing to the effective functioning of government institutions and fostering a better understanding and appreciation of the rule of law.

Participating as members on reaccreditation site visit teams for the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools during the past year were **Dr. Raymond M. Hawkins**, president; **Dr. Raymond Van Cleef**, vice president of educational and student services; **Dr. Bob Gaines**, dean, division of business and industrial technology; and **Richard T. Minter**, dean of program development.

Reggie Brazzle, counselor/coordinator of testing, was selected last summer to the 20th Annual Summer Seminar on Academic Administration at Texas A&M University.

Steve Smith, instructor/coordinator of recreation leadership taught a tennis clinic this past summer in Bad Schartau, West Germany. He also toured Moscow, Czechoslovakia, Ireland and England to observe tennis and to exchange ideas.

Molly McCoy, instructor of music, recently received a doctor of musical arts degree from the University of Texas at Austin.

Dr. Nancy Laird, instructor of physical education, for the second straight summer was invited by the Chinese universities as a guest lecturer. In 1986, at Tongji University in Shanghai, she lectured on health-related fitness and physical education as taught in the U.S. and gave demonstrations on muscle strengthening exercises and aerobic dance. While in Shanghai she also presented lectures for the Sports Science Academy (for coaches throughout the area) on distance running guides and psychological preparation for competitive athletics.

In 1987, at Tianjin Institute of Physical Culture in Tianjin, China, Laird lectured on psychological training and sports training and held symposiums on sports training and questions in teaching.

Laird says, "I was extremely surprised to be invited to China again. Summer invitations are rare anyway, and the chances seemed very remote for an invitation from a second university. Upon my arrival, I learned I was the first foreign teacher ever invited by the Tianjin Institute. They even built a room and bath for me and also had a cook specifically assigned."

Athena Russell, director of community services, has been elected to a two-year term as Region VI Representative for the National Council on Community Services and Continuing Education. This region includes Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico and Oklahoma. The mission of this organization is to foster an institution-wide commitment to community services and continuing education on the part of all members of community and junior college staffs.

Rhey Nolan, Tyler Junior College economics/government instructor and project director for Tyler's Committee for the Celebration of the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution, attended a two-day conference held recently in New Orleans on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution.

The meeting, hosted by the Louisiana Commission on the Bicentennial of the

United States Constitution, was co-sponsored by the national Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution and the State Bicentennial Commissions of Iowa, Kansas, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska and Oklahoma.

Nolan joined 150 other representatives of state and local Bicentennial Commissions in discussing ways to enhance the celebration of the 200th anniversary of our Constitution. The U.S. Constitution, written 200 years ago in Philadelphia, endures today as the oldest written national constitution in the world.

Theatre TJC season announced

Tyler Junior College speech and theatre program has announced its 1987-88 theatre season.

Scheduled productions include:

• *Medea*, by Robinson Jeffers, will open Oct. 15 and run through Oct. 20. An updated translation from the Greek classic, it tells the tragic story of the ambitious Jason forsaking his foreign wife, Medea, for a new bride and political advancement. Clarence Strickland, TJC speech/theater instructor, who will direct the play, calls it "the classic epitome of anger and revenge. Too often *Medea* is characterized as larger than life, a non-sympathetic character attempting to destroy Jason. I see her as a real woman, hurt and scorned with very real emotions."

• *The Miss Firecracker Contest* by Beth Henley. Directed by TJC speech/theater instructor Victor Siller, this comedy is described as a "comic volcano." Written by the author of *Crimes of the Heart*, the story centers on Cornelle Scott who is furiously rehearsing for the Miss Firecracker Contest and by winning it, may free herself from the trap of small town life in Mississippi and the reputation of "Miss Hot Tamale." The play runs Dec. 3-8.

• *The Tempest* by William Shakespeare. "We offer a Shakespearean production every other year so that all of our students will have the opportunity for that experience," says Dr. David Crawford, instructor/coordinator of speech/theatre. Crawford will also direct *The Tempest*, which he calls "a mixture of intrigue, magic, comedy and suspense. Some critics even go so far as to label it fantasy." Production dates are March 3-8.

• *Summer and Smoke* by Tennessee Williams. This American classic centers on the love story of a somewhat puritanical Southern young woman and a not-so-puritanical young doctor, director Strickland says. "Though each is highly attracted to each other, their divergent attitudes toward life act as the nemesis that draws them apart." The play will run April 28 through May 3.

The TJC Box Office will open for each production a week and a half prior to each play, Mondays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., throughout the run of the play.

Also, Crawford says, anyone interested in scheduling programs for schools or organizations may contact him at 214-531-2211.

Speech/theatre students win at national meet

Tyler Junior College students swept the Phi Rho Phi Region VI National Qualifying Tournament held last spring in Waco with a total of 14 trophies.

The competition, hosted by McLennan Community College, offered 25 events in finals. Two new colleges entered the regional contest this year — Kilgore College and Collin County Community College.

The TJC students who won first place trophies are Mike Easterlin in Dramatic Interpretation, James Reed in Extemporaneous Speaking, Peggy Lawler in both Poetry Interpretation and Informative Speaking and Scott Carpenter in Speech to Entertain.

Second place winners are Becky Faulds in Oral Interpretation (Mixed Genre) and Andy Smith in Persuasive Speaking, Impromptu Speaking and Informative Speaking.

Those students placing third are Reed in Impromptu Speaking, Cindy Moody in Informative Speaking, Joanie Trammell in Speech to Entertain, Robin Shackelford and Carpenter in Duet Acting and the cast of *Worry* (Faulds, Reed, Lawler, Smith, Sandy Camp and Ben Amie) for Interpreter's Theatre.

Fourth place winners are Moody and Faulds for Duet Acting, Reed in Persuasive Speaking, Easterlin in Prose Interpretation and Impromptu Speaking, Camp in Informative Speaking, Carpenter in Poetry Interpretation and the cast of *The Right Stuff* (Easterlin, Trammell, Shackelford, Carpenter and Scott Pierce) for Interpreter's Theatre.

Students placing fifth are Easterlin and Lawler for Duet Acting and Camp for Poetry Interpretation.

Sixth place winners are Camp and Pierce for Duet Acting, Trammell in Oral Interpretation and Carpenter in Dramatic Interpretation.

TJC instructors M'Liss S. Hindman and Jacque Shackelford are forensic directors.

Apache pigskin preview

by Steve Sinclair

Tyler Junior College football coach Charlie McGinty has his strategy all mapped out for the season.

Try to be competitive in non-conference while the younger players develop. By the first Texas Junior College Football Conference game in early October, the Apaches should be hitting on all cylinders.

The Apaches are coming off an 8-3 1986 season that saw them win the TJCFC championship and advance to the Texas Junior College Bowl at Rose Stadium for the second year in a row.

The Apaches return only 15 sophomores from last year's team with major rebuilding jobs anticipated on the offensive and defensive lines, linebacker and quarterback.

McGinty and his staff of Rick Langley and Delton Wright are confident they had a good recruiting year. But how long it will take the young players to be ready is the big question.

"We feel good about the young men coming in," said McGinty, in his tenth year at TJC.

"We feel like we've done a good job of recruiting. By the time we get to conference, we hope to be competitive. We may not be competitive early."

Expect the Apache offense to be centered around sophomore tailback Cedric Jackson (6-0, 205), who rushed 437 yards on 110 carries for a 3.9 yard average a year ago. He was the third-leading rusher on the team and is the top returning offensive threat.

TJC's top two runners and quarterback Ronnie Rittiman completed their eligibility.

Jackson could be pushed by Palestine freshman Ivory Lee Brown, a 6-2, 215 pounder who was considered the top high school running back in East Texas last fall.

John Hackney (5-11, 225), who gained 128 yards a year ago, will be the fullback.

The quarterback spot is wide open with several promising freshmen expected to battle for the starting assignment.

Kevin Kirkpatrick (6-3, 195) has probably the best arm. He was recruited by Ohio State but was sent to TJC when the Buckeyes filled their scholarship quota.

Daingerfield's Johnny Hurndon, who caught only two passes last year, is expected to be one of the primary passing targets this fall. Hurndon is a returning all-Conference performer on specialty teams.

Last year, he ran 11 kickoffs back for a 25.6 yard average, including a 91 yarder against Blinn. He also averaged 10.5 yards on 24 punt returns.

TJC was hit particularly hard on the offensive line where only right guard Fred Plunkett (6-2, 270) and right tackle J.D. Hall (6-5, 275) are back.

But McGinty recruited 12 offensive linemen to fill the remaining vacancies.

The defense was decimated by graduation. The one bright spot is the secondary where plenty of experience returns.

John Cooper (6-3, 195) is a returning all-TJCFC player. The rest of the secondary should consist of Scott McDonald (5-10, 180), Van's Kim Moore (5-10, 175) and Steve Mitchell (5-9, 175).

TJC will miss defensive-player-of-the-year LaSalle Harper at linebacker, who now plays at Arkansas. Ron Anderson (6-0, 225) is a returning letterman. Also, Lufkin's Derrek White (6-0, 200) could battle for a starting spot.

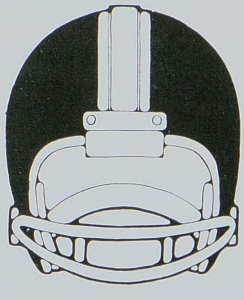
End Johnny Hackney (5-11, 220) is the lone returning regular on the defensive line. Daingerfield's Steve Peters, an all-stater, could earn a starting position there.

At noseguard, McGinty likes incoming freshman Terry Neptune (250) of Baytown.

Bobby Suggs is the punter. He had a 38.6-yard-average a year ago. The kicker is expected to be sophomore Derek White who booted 25 extra points and six field goals last year.

1987 Apache Football Schedule

Oct. 10	**Navarro College 7:30 p.m., there**
Oct. 17	**Cisco Junior College 7:30 p.m., here**
Oct. 24	**Ranger Junior College 7:30 p.m., there**
Oct. 31	**Trinity Valley Community College Homecoming 1:30 p.m., here**
Nov. 7	**Open**
Nov. 14	**Kilgore College 7:30 p.m., there**



Men's Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Nov. 12	Wharton County Junior College	Wharton	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 13-14	San Jacinto College Classic	Pasadena	TBA
Nov. 20-21	Tyler Junior College Classic Tyler Junior College, San Jacinto College, Lon Morris College, Texas State Technical Institute	Tyler	TBA
Nov. 27-28	Kilgore College Classic	Kilgore	TBA
Dec. 2	*Paris Junior College	Paris	8:00 p.m.
Dec. 5	*Kilgore College	Tyler	8:00 p.m.
Dec. 9	*Jacksonville College	Jacksonville	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 12	*Angelina College	Lufkin	8:00 p.m.
Jan. 8-9	New Year's Classic	Tyler	TBA
Jan. 13	*Lon Morris College	Tyler	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 16	*Navarro College	Corsicana	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 20	*Panola Junior College	Tyler	8:00 p.m.
Jan. 25	*Trinity Valley Community College	Athens	8:00 p.m.
Jan. 27	*Paris Junior College	Tyler	8:00 p.m.
Jan. 30	*Kilgore College	Kilgore	8:00 p.m.
Feb. 3	*Jacksonville College	Tyler	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 6	*Angelina College	Tyler	8:00 p.m.
Feb. 8	*Lon Morris College	Jacksonville	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 10	*Navarro College	Tyler	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 13	*Panola Junior College	Carthage	8:00 p.m.
Feb. 20	*Trinity Valley Community College	Tyler	8:00 p.m.

Conference Games

Women's Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Nov. 5-6	Trinity Valley Community College Classic	Athens	TBA
Nov. 12-14	Panola Junior College Tournament	Carthage	TBA
Nov. 19-21	Tyler Junior College Super Classic (Round Robin) Florida Junior College, Jacksonville, FL, John A. Logan College, Carterville, IL Trinity Valley Community College and Tyler Junior College	Tyler	6 & 8 p.m.
Dec. 2	*Paris Junior College	Paris	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 5	*Kilgore College	Tyler	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 8	Blinn College	Tyler	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 10	San Jacinto College	Pasadena	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 12	*Angelina College	Lufkin	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 7-9	Northern Oklahoma Tournament of Champions	Tonkawa, OK	TBA
Jan. 12	San Jacinto College	Tyler	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 14	Howard College	Tyler	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 15	Howard College	Tyler	5:00 p.m.
Jan. 19	Temple Junior College	Tyler	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 20	*Panola Junior College	Tyler	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 23	Temple Junior College	Temple	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 25	*Trinity Valley Community College	Athens	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 27	*Paris Junior College	Tyler	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 30	*Kilgore College	Kilgore	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 2	Blinn College	Brenham	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 6	*Angelina College	Tyler	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 9	Southwestern Christian College	Terrell	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 13	*Panola Junior College	Carthage	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 20	*Trinity Valley Community College	Tyler	6:00 p.m.

Conference Games

HOMECOMING 1987

October 30, 31, 1987

Recognition Years: 1965, 1975, 1985

REUNION LUNCHEON
October 31, 1987
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
HPE Center
Tickets: $4 adults, $2 children, senior citizens
Tickets available at door.

TJC students with meal tickets admitted free.

See Homecoming Schedule on back cover.

Class Notes — an update on TJC exes

Tim Maxwell '61 was appointed to the Board of Directors for the Florida Trade and Industrial Educators as Regional Vice President. He is president of the American Institute of Design and Drafting for the State of Florida. He is a teacher for the Broward County Schools and resides in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Bob Emerson '62 has returned to Texas after living in Hawaii and has opened a restaurant in Austin and Houston known as Barbara Ellen's Hill Country Restaurant.

Craig M. Daugherty '68 is an attorney with Sammons and Parker. He resides in Tyler.

John Ellis '75 is manager, corporate data processing at Buford Television Inc. of Tyler. He serves on the TJC Computer Science Advisory Committee.

C. Eric Skidmore '76 is entering his fourth year of private practice in downtown Houston. He is a chiropractor. He and his wife, Carol, have two daughters, Amy and Julie.

Rhita Anderson Koches '78 is a legal assistant at Saunders Law Firm in Tyler. She was elected president of the Texas Association of Legal Secretaries in May. She is married to Garry Koches '72. They live in Tyler.

Jeffrey A. Waters '79 is employed at Jim Waters Insurance in Lufkin.

B. Mac Perry '82 is a pilot at Fairchild Air Force Base and lives in Spokane, WA. He is a 1984 graduate of Texas A&M University.

New alumni board elected

Tyler Junior College Alumni Association recently elected officers and directors for 1987-88. Officers elected were Charles Bronaugh '74, president; Athena Russell '75, secretary; and Emma Lou Prater '47, treasurer.

New board members are Peggy Wagstaff Smith '74, Richard Grainger Jr. '80, Amy May Grainger '86, J. Cris Pinkerton '69, John Stephenson '65, Cathy France '71, and Linda Fleet '74.

Leo Rudd '54 is faculty advisor.

Gwendolyn Spencer Walker '82 is a data systems specialist at Southland Corp. in Tyler.

Alan A. Kirkland '82 resides in Tyler.

Tina Navarro resides in Ennis.

Rock Spraggins '82 is a retail site analyst in Jacksonville.

Martha Black '82 is an accountant in Tyler.

Pho Hoang '82 is an electronics and mechanical field engineer in Corsicana. He lives in Athens.

Galen Fred Morrison '82 is a mapping and records analyst for the Smith County Appraisal District in Tyler.

Cynthia Bush '82 is a teacher.

Carolyn Clute '82 is pastor's secretary at Calvary Baptist Church.

James E. Malone '82 is an elementary teacher at Mineola Elementary School. He and his wife, Dorothy, live in Mineola.

Jim Phillips '82 is an intern in the office of Development and College Relations at TJC. Before coming to TJC, he was a reporter-photographer at *The Taylor Daily Press* in Taylor. He is a 1984 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin.

Susan A. DeMatteo '82 is a student in the secondary education program at the University of Texas at Tyler. She is a 1984 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin.

Michael D. Goldsberry '82 is area manager for Coca-Cola of North Texas. He is area manager of two Coca-Cola plants in Tyler and Pittsburg. His wife Winona is employed with the Chapel Hill Independent School District. They reside in Tyler and have one son, Christopher.

David Cullar '83 is a graduate assistant in personnel administration at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. He is a 1987 graduate of East Texas State University.

Marc Harper '84 is in the Wal-Mart management training program. He is a 1987 graduate of Baylor University.

Jim Hendry has been promoted to senior vice president of First National Western Bank in Carrollton.

Jeff Crawford has been named produce merchandiser for the Tyler stores in Brookshire Grocery Co.

Gaylord Hughey Jr. of Tyler has been appointed by Gov. Bill Clements to the East Texas State University Board of Regents. Hughey is associated with the Potter, Guinn, Minton, Robert and Davis law firm. He holds a B.A. degree from Texas Christian University and a law degree from Baylor University.

Ginger Warner Specht, a research analyst, has been promoted to corporate service officer for First Citizen Bank in Raleigh, NC.

Ronny Fisher has been named sales manager for John Crow Pontiac-GMC Truck in Canton. He is recipient of a number of professional sales awards. For the past six years he has been included in the Society for sales executives.

Kathy Turman is an executive assistant on the campaign staff of Pete DuPont of Wilmington, DE.

David W. Cox was recently named collection manager for the Longview Division of Graham Knight and Associates Inc.

Steve Wilkinson has been named dean of students at Wharton County Junior College. He spent eight years at Frank Phillips College of Borger as director of special programs. He has also served as counselor in the Canton Independent School District and a vocation counselor at Henderson County Junior College (now Trinity Valley Community College). He is a graduate of John Tyler High School, Tyler Junior College and East Texas State University. He has a master of education degree from ETSU. He and his wife Shari have one daughter, Shara.

Joe A. Jeter was recently elected executive vice president and chief administrative officer of First RepublicBank Tyler.

Linnie E. Chadwick '87 received the *Wall Street Journal* Student Achievement Award for 1987 for outstanding academic performance as an accounting major.

Weddings

Kathy Lynn Childress and Ricky Ray Dixon of Troup. She is a secretary-bookkeeper, and he is owner of Dixon's Exxon.

Paula A. Price of Red Springs and the Rev. Marcus DeWayne Hood of Omaha. She is employed by Southland Distribution Center, and he is pastor of Bibleway Missionary Baptist Church.

Fredna Jean Cade of Denton and Christian Claude Gilbert Chavanne of Palm Desert, CA. She attends California State University, and he is spa chef at The Palm Desert Spa and Resort.

Kathy Rena Dunn of Dallas and Lawrence LaCroix Jr. of Lewisville. She is a designer wardrobe coordinator, and he is a coach at North Texas State University. They reside in Lewisville.

Pamela Kay Hart of Lindale and Timothy Don Hopper of Tyler. She attends UT Tyler, and he is an industrial engineer at Baker Altech.

Sonja Yvette Barnes and **Marlos Cornelius Warren** of Tyler. She is a teacher at Apple Tree Day Care Center, and he is employed by Southside Bank.

Lex Eric Moses and Tonya DeAnn Sides of Tyler. He is a landscaper for Country Gardens, and she is a coordinator for the MHMR children's residential home.

Susan Leigh Haynes and **John David Lee** of Tyler. She is a buyer for the New Yorker, and he is a computer operator with East Texas Savings and Loan.

Kimberly Kay Murphy and **Trant Lowry Kidd** of Tyler. She is employed by Lift Truck Supply Inc., and he is an independent landman.

Betty Day Caswell, '65', and **Dick Caswell**, '64, live in Tyler. He is a drilling engineer for Basin Operating Company, Ltd. They are owners of Southpark Mobil Home Estates.

Ann Elizabeth Rimmer of Tyler and **Woodrow Vernon Weaver** of Houston. He attends the University of Houston Pharmacy College.

Judith Lynn Flanagan and Mark Allen Turman of Tyler. They reside in Fort Worth where he is a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Stephanie Anne Randall of Flint and **Bruno Richard Rumbelow** of Lawrence, KS. They reside in Lawrence where he is completing a master's degree at the University of Kansas.

Glenn Gandy and Nelta Parker of Tyler. He is employed by North American Van Lines, and she is employed by Tom Thumb-Page Grocery.

Elaina Leah Robinson of Rusk and Timothy Lynn McDaniel of San Antonio. She is a teacher, and he is a geotechnical engineer.

Kristi Renea Brown and **Jeffrey Lee Trahan** of Tyler. They reside in Washington, D.C. where he is a security police military doghandler in the U.S. Air Force and is assigned to special duty-presidential support at Andrews Air Force Base.

Janet Mueller Duncan of Plano and Rowland Driskell of Dallas. They reside in Rancho Palos Verdes, CA where she is vice president of finance at McClintock Corporation, and he is a carpenter.

Heidi Lou Dunfee of Tyler and Garry Paul Edwards of Murchison. They reside in North Little Rock, AK where she attends the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, and he is in the U.S. Air Force.

Wendy L. McClure of Tyler and **William R. Lively** of Dallas. They reside in Dallas where he is employed by Summit Printing.

John Barry Clark of Tyler and Tanya Renee Langford of Whitehouse. He is a route driver for Dixie Paper Company, and she is employed by Whataburger.

Kristie DeeAnn Duke and Derek R. Fisher of Tyler. She attends UT-Tyler, and he is a sales representative for Merrell Dow Pharmaceutical.

Bret Edward Hart and Lurae Lynn Campbell of Tyler. He is an automotive technician, and she is employed by Brookshires.

Alvia Gean Johnson and Michael DeWayne Sanders of Tyler. She is a karate instructor and also works for Skippers in Tyler Inc., and he is employed by Brookshires.

Lea Prislovsky and Jonathan Bynum of Tyler. They reside in Texarkana where he is an industrial engineer for the U.S. Air Force.

Carolyn Marie Carney of Tyler and **Edward Allen Hummel** of Dallas. They reside in Dallas where he is a tennis pro at Brookhaven Country Club.

Cindy Sue Thompson of Tyler and Bradley Hunter Wilson of Fort Worth. They reside in Fort Worth where she is an attorney, and he is a computer programmer. She is a graduate of the Texas Tech University School of Law.

Obits

Marshall Brown, Jr., 37, of Dallas died June 30 after a lengthy illness. He was a teacher in the Dallas Independent School District. He is survived by one brother, three sisters and a grandmother.

David M. "Baby Boy" Poe, 50, of Tyler, died July 6 after a lengthy illness. He was a former employee of Tyler Junior College. He is survived by two sons, a daughter, his parents and a sister.

Jim Willie Love, Jr., 39, of Dallas, died July 14. He is survived by his wife, one son, five stepchildren, parents and maternal grandparents.

Benton L. Curry, Jr., 63, of Tyler, died Aug. 4 after a sudden illness. He was a retired teacher having taught in the Tyler Independent School District and Tyler Junior College. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, his mother, two stepsons and two grandchildren.

Cecil Bagwell, 80, of Tyler, died July 29 after a short illness. He was a retired maintenance supervisor for Tyler Independent School District and a member of the TJC Board of Trustees from 1950-1970. He is survived by three sons, three brothers, three sisters, eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Mary Yeager Wallace, 83, of Tyler died Aug. 27 after a lengthy illness. She taught education and English at TJC beginning in 1947. Later, she served as director of counseling and guidance until she retired in 1970. In the mid 1960's, the Mary Wallace Education Scholarship for future teachers was established at the College. She was the widow of the late Carl Wallace.

'I soon became addicted to boldfaced bylines'

by Bob Bowman

A few years ago, I was asked to serve on a development advisory committee at Tyler Junior College. Supposedly as a prerequisite-of-sorts to serving, President Ray Hawkins scrounged up my old transcript as a TJC student in the fifties.

I had hoped Ollie North had shredded it by mistake, but Hawkins found it.

One day in Tyler, standing before a group of assembled friends, he announced with a satanic gleam, "Bowman, did you know that you barely made it out of here?"

It wasn't much of a surprise. Sort of like the news that SMU will go down undefeated, untied and unscored upon in 1987.

My TJC transcript contained a lot of A's — mostly abysmal and atrocious. My grades were not only sick; they were terminal. All these years, I had hoped they would somehow find a resting place with Ronald Reagan's memory.

But there was a good reason for the grades.

Blanche Prejean, my journalism teacher at TJC, once told me: "Good journalists are seldom good at anything else, especially math."

Armed with that piece of enlightment, I breezed right through TJC . . . ignoring math.

I also did a good job ignoring history, sociology and chemistry.

But I didn't do badly in geology. My instructor, I.L. Friedman, must have been a frustrated writer because he seemed to understand my problem. After all, when you get right down to it, there probably isn't much difference in throwing rocks and slinging adjectives.

My problem at TJC was simple. All I wanted to do was write. And I felt Prejean was the best journalism teacher in East Texas — maybe the whole country. I wanted what she knew. And she wanted me to be her college newspaper editor. The 1954 crop of East Texas high school graduates had been a little short on journalism aspirants, and she was probably desperate.

So we reached an unwritten agreement. I wouldn't worry about math. And she wouldn't worry about me not worrying about math.

For two or three (only Hawkins knows for sure) idyllic years, I labored contentedly in the old TJC journalism lab on the second floor of the administration building, pleasantly churning out copy and editing dummy pages for the campus newspaper, *The Pow Wow.*

When I wasn't word-smithing sentences at TJC, I was writing downtown at the *Tyler Courier Times — Telegraph*, where Prejean landed me a job by appealing to editor Bill Dozier's sympathy. I think they both felt sorry for this short, skinny kid from somewhere down in the Pineywoods.

I should have been more concerned about grades, but covering a murder trial or a political rally was a lot more interesting — and just as educational, I felt. And like all young journalists, I soon became addicted to boldfaced bylines.

But, tenuous grades or not, I will never forget TJC.

It was a wonderful, sheltered place in the fifties. Elvis Presley was at his peak. Somebody had just planted all those big live oaks standing out front. Dean Ed Potter was still the unquestioned boss of the campus. The Tee Pee was largely a hamburger-and-billards hangout that had been converted from an old army building. And Floyd Wagstaff was winning basketball games with the frenzy of Imelda Marcos in a shoe store.

Thomas Wolfe once said you can't come home again. I don't know about that, but I've always felt a warm sense of being at home on the TJC campus — poor transcript or not.

But I think I know what to do about the transcript.

I've just found Ray Hawkins' old high school transcript from Lufkin.

Ray, would you like to trade?

Bob Bowman is the President of Bob Bowman & Associates, a Lufkin, Texas, marketing agency. He is also the author of 11 books on East Texas folklore and history.

INDIANS IN APACHELAND

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With 16 years on the job at TJC, she says she "wouldn't mind" staying with the College until retirement.

"I love my job here. I like interior decorating which is a big part of what I do in taking care of the executive offices. And I like the environment and the people."

And what would surprise all the TJC personnel who think they know Billie Jo so well?

"I have a very sharp tongue," she says as a sly smile interrupts her serene countenance. "My tongue is my weapon."

Fortunately for everyone that side of her is very rarely seen. She is too easy-going, mellow and right with the world for that to happen.

She is, and probably always will be, simpatico.

'A wonderful cook'

A loaf of bread costs as much as a gallon of gas. The price of milk is so high that one would think Elsie is selling gold in those plastic containers instead of cow juice. That's all well and good, but a monthly food bill of $20,000? Get serious. Who drops that kind of change on stomach stuffers?

The answer is TJC food services coordinator Brenda Blankenship. With 1,000 meals cooked and served daily in TJC's dining hall, someone has to organize and supervise the process, and Blankenship is that someone. It's not a job without its hassles, but it is a job suited to her talents.

She classifies herself as "a wonderful cook" though now she says, "Cooking is really not my favorite thing to do anymore. It's like taking your work home with you."

Still, she says, "Planning a meal for 350 people is nothing more than an extension of cooking at home. With a little bit of common sense, you can do it."

Another part of her job is catering for some of the College's special occasions, and that takes a very strong commitment on behalf of Blankenship and her staff.

"There are some wonderful people who work on my staff, and they really don't get the credit they should," she says. "They do a good job, and they take pride in what they do.

"Sometimes we'll do a banquet that starts at maybe 7:30 and finishes at 8:30 or 9. But people don't realize that the staff has probably been working since 10 in the morning, and they probably won't finish until 10:30 or 11 at night."

The best part of her job, she says, besides working with a dedicated staff, is "the contact with students," an occasional food fight not withstanding.

Brenda Blankenship

She also likes creating unique menu items.

Because she's efficient and organized, she suspects she appears "aloof" to some. But Blankenship says that's really not the case. "I know I have that air about me, but I'm really an open and caring person. It's (aloofness) not intentional."

Before coming to TJC two years ago, she worked as a real estate agent and an office manager.

She and her husband Hack, an oil drilling superintendent who spends six months of every year in Indonesia, have two children, Brendan, 17, and Celie, 15.

Coming Events

OCTOBER

20 Student Enrichment Series presents Mercury Morris, *The Choice is Yours,* Wagstaff Gym, 9:50 a.m.

NOVEMBER

3 Faculty Recital
Jean Browne Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

7 Pops Concert
Wise Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

12 Student Recital
Jean Browne Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER

3- 8 Speech and Theatre to present *The Miss Firecracker Contest*
Jean Browne Theatre

11-12 Madrigal Dinner
Student Center, 6:30 p.m.

JANUARY

30 Apache Jazz Festival
Wise Auditorium, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., 7-10 p.m.

APACHE CLUB

The Apache Club

The following people have joined the Tyler Junior College Apache Club through Sept. 3, 1987

Mr. & Mrs. Dana W. Adams, Jr.
Dr. & Mrs. Eugene M. Allen
Mr. and Mrs. Earl C. Andrews
Dr. & Mrs. Donald R. Andrews
Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Arnold
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Atherton
Mr. & Mrs. Randy Austin
Mr. & Mrs. C. C. Baker, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Baldwin
Mr. & Mrs. Alex Beall
Mr. & Mrs. Phillip E. Beckmon
Mr. Henry M. Bell, III
Mr. & Mrs. Henry M. Bell, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Carroll H. Bobo
Mr. & Mrs. M. G. Boehms
Mr. & Mrs. J. Lindsey Bradley, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Brad Brookshire
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Y. Brown, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Allen M. Burt
Mrs. D. K. Caldwell
Mr. & Mrs. A. R. Caudle
Dr. & Mrs. William H. Chambers
Mr. & Mrs. Stuart Chesley
Mr. & Mrs. A. D. Clark
Mr. & Mrs. Larry R. Cook
Mr. & Mrs. Herb Cummins
Mr. & Mrs. Wilton J. Daniel
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Davis
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Denson
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Denson
Mr. & Mrs. Ewell Dickerson
Mr. & Mrs. J. Robert Dobbs, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Elmer G. Ellis
Mr. & Mrs. Herman Engel
Mrs. John Evans Estabrook
Mr. & Mrs. James W. Fair
Mr. & Mrs. Michael R. Farrell
Mr. & Mrs. Robert A. Felix
Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Flatt
Dr. & Mrs. David K. Fletcher
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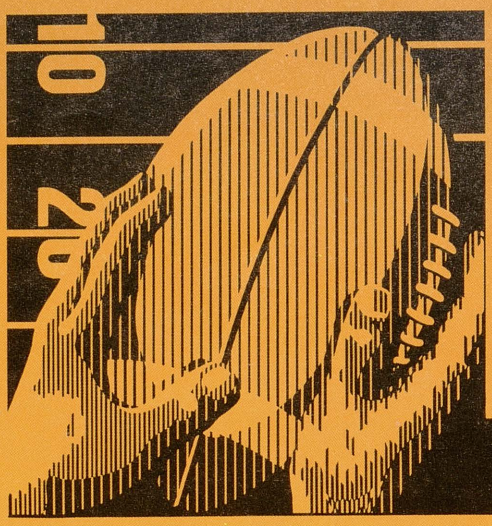

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Friday, October 30

Campus Walk	1:30 p.m.
Pep Rally	2:00 p.m., Wise Plaza
Campus Capers	7:30 p.m., Wise Auditorium
Homecoming Dance	10:00 p.m., Student Center
Midnight Pep Rally	Midnight, Student Center

Saturday, October 31

Registration	11:00 a.m., Health and Physical Education Center
Reunion Luncheon	11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Health and Physical Education Center
Homecoming Court Presentation	1:30 p.m., Rose Stadium
TJC vs. Trinity Valley Community College	2:00 p.m., Rose Stadium

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